Seasonal Smarts for Holiday Safety and Efficiency

‘Tis the season for holiday cheer and nothing sets a festive holiday spirit like seeing beautiful lighting displays and decorations. Holiday decorations that have been sitting in storage for a year will once again have their time to shine. Whether you have a simple setup or you’re attempting a spectacular creation like our friends at Acadian Village’s Noel Acadien au Village, Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) encourages residents to serve up safety with a side of energy efficiency.

There has never been a time when consumers have had so many options to light up the holidays. With energy efficient LED bulbs, small sets of lights can be powered by battery packs or solar chargers. This gives the decorator flexibility to place lighting in locations that don’t have easy access to power outlets. Whether you’re using LED or traditional incandescent lighting, placing lights on a timer is a great way to save money.

With all the lights hung and colors bright, it’s easy to forget about safety during the holidays. Before installation, all lighting should be inspected for frayed or damaged cording. It’s also very important not to overburden circuits. Placing too many lights or devices (especially non-led varieties of lighting) on one circuit can trip a home’s electrical breaker switch or worse.

LUS would like residents to have bright, safe and happy holidays! Since it is the season of giving, LUS would like to ask readers to consider contributing to LUS’s Share the Light program. This program helps provide assistance for those who have encountered an unexpected emergency or crisis. If you would like to participate in this program please add $1 dollar to your monthly bill or call us at 337.291.8280.